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FAIRFIELD WOMAN GETS TWO YEARS IN PRISON FOR STEALING HURRICANE KATRINA DISASTER MONEY AND USING ANOTHER'S CREDIT INFO

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that SHARON N. DAILEY, 38, of Fairfield, Calif., was sentenced this afternoon by United States District Judge Frank C. Damrell, Jr. to serve 25 months in federal custody for submitting false claims to FEMA, and for credit application fraud.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with the assistance of the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General.

In September 2005, the United States Attorney General created the Hurricane Katrina Fraud Task Force, designed to deter, investigate, and prosecute disaster-related federal crimes such as charity fraud, identity theft, procurement fraud, and insurance fraud. The Hurricane Katrina Fraud Task Force includes the FBI, the U.S. Inspectors General community, the U.S. Secret Service, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys, and others.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who prosecuted the case, DAILEY successfully made three false claims for over \$4,358 in cash and housing assistance earmarked for Hurricane Katrina disaster victims. DAILEY certified false information to FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, including that at the time of the Hurricane Katrina disaster on August 29, 2005, her primary residence was in New Orleans. In

fact, she was a permanent resident of California. DAILEY also was sentenced for her scheme to buy a vehicle using another person's credit (including social security number and credit score). DAILEY's fraudulent conduct involved over six victims and resulted in an intended loss of over \$40,739.

After completion of her 25 month sentence, DAILEY will be on federal supervised release for five years. She was also ordered to pay full restitution to the United States.

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